

STOCK GAMBLING DRIVES BIG BANKER TO WALL

J. R. Welsh of Chicago in Trouble

THREE BANKS INSOLVENT

Liabilities \$26,000,000--
Other Banks Guarantee
Depositors' Cash

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—John R. Welsh's banks, the Chicago National, the Home Savings and Equitable Trust, the insolvency of which was announced this morning by associated banks in Chicago, were besieged by depositors at an early hour in an angry mood. The Home Savings was especially the object of demands of small depositors. The bankers of Chicago have guaranteed to make good every liability and pay every claim. Private speculation, operations in railroad, coal lands, quarries, and other side lines are said to be the cause. Comptroller of Currency Ridgely has been in the city for three days. Sunday afternoon he called a meeting of other bankers at the office of President Morgan of the First National. It lasted from 3 p. m. to 3:30 this morning and the announcement made at 4 o'clock. The National had sixteen million deposits, the Home four million belonging to 28,000 depositors. The total liabilities of the institutions are 26 millions.

The directors of Welsh's banks and bankers of the city turned over securities amounting to \$3,000,000 and guaranteed the remainder. The banks opened at the usual hour this morning and paid depositors, but received no money, the clearing house being in charge.

Police Stop a Riot.

Chief Collins was present with a detail of police, directing the excited crowd. Welsh arrived early but refused to talk. His brother-in-law stated the depositors will all be paid, that he could not say how the stockholders will fare. The last statement of the Chicago National showed resources and liabilities \$19,854,185.98, the Home Savings, \$3,948,477.13.

Walsh's Career.

Walsh was born in Ireland in 1837 and came to Chicago early where he clerked for Newsdealers. He finally formed the American News company and was interested in a number of enterprises. The comptroller of currency says he blames his railway investments principally and says he tried for some time to get a simultaneous investigation by state and national authorities of the Home Savings and Chicago National and when he succeeded found conditions requiring radical action. Walsh was long a factor in politics. He has been ill for three months and the past week has reduced his vitality.

Lawson Dumps Copper Stock.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Local bankers do not anticipate trouble as a result of the Walsh failure. Stocks opened weak and lower. Amalgamated copper dropped to 97 and when ten thousand shares were dumped, presumably by Lawson, it dropped to 93. The market is demoralized. Copper rallied five per cent.

Walsh Resigns Presidency.

Walsh resigned the presidency of the Chicago National at a meeting of the directors this morning.

CONTINUE EFFORT TO SECURE JURY

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—The attempt to secure a jury in the packers' case was continued today.

NEW LIGHT IN FEDERAL BUILDING

Government Awards Big Contract to New Lighting Company

Following closely upon the announcement that the Wisconsin Light and Power company in open competition had secured the contract for lighting the county buildings, comes the news from Washington that the same company has been awarded the contract to light the federal building in this city.

Sealed bids of the La Crosse Gas and Electric company and the Wisconsin Light and Power company were sent into the treasury department some time ago. Official notice that the new company had been awarded the contract was received Saturday, connections were made yesterday and today the building has the new light.

NEGROES FIGHT AND PAY FINE

Two factions in "Darktown" clashed on the street last night and the result was a battle which attracted the attention of the police. Walter Harris and Roy Johnson were arrested and before Acting Judge Langstadt in police court this morning were fined \$5 and costs each.

MRS. ANDREW GILBERTSON DIES

The death of Mrs. Andrew Gilbertson of 1445 Charles street, occurred last evening at 6:30 o'clock at the Lutheran hospital where she was operated upon last Thursday. She has been ill for some time with a complication of diseases.

Deceased was 54 years of age and was born in Norway where she was married, coming to this country about 14 years ago, settling in Bostwick Valley, and afterwards removing to this city where she lived ever since.

Those who are left to mourn her loss are her husband, Mrs. F. Graf of Upstad, Minn., Mrs. O. Graf of this city, Oscar, Arthur, Carl, Misses Aledia and Helma.

The funeral arrangements have not been completed as they are waiting for relatives from out of the city, but O. Holberg is in charge and E. O. Vik will officiate. Mrs. O. Graf is also seriously ill.

CHILD DIES OF DIPHTHERIA

Sidney Edwin Helsapple died about 1 o'clock Sunday morning from diphtheria with which he had been ill for some time. No other members of the family are ill.

He was 3 years and two months of age. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon from the residence, Rev. Charles Wentworth of the Caledonia street M. E. church officiating and A. Sletten in charge.

Interment was made in the Oak Grove cemetery.

INFANT DEAD.

Ludwig, the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Grabinski, 1620 Winnebago street, died this noon. The funeral will be tomorrow morning at 9 from Holy Cross church.

MCKINLEY AND PUTER IN CALIF.

Land Crooks Near Home of Latter

Reports received from Portland by the sheriff's office here are to the effect that S. A. D. Puter, wanted here on a charge of forgery of land certificates which were unloaded upon La Crosse capitalists, has been seen within the past ten days in the vicinity of his old home at Berkeley, Cal., also at Oakland and San Francisco.

A telegram from the chief of police at Oakland to Sheriff Haugen states that Puter has not been seen there. He is well known in that vicinity and would be arrested the minute he stepped from a train. There is no denial, however, of the report that Puter and McKinley both have been in San Francisco lately. As the days speed on and no clue to their whereabouts comes the belief is gaining ground in local police circles that perchance both Puter and McKinley have taken ship for some foreign port.

Another feature of the affair is that if Puter and McKinley do not put in an appearance at Portland in January to appear in the last case in which they were implicated, they forfeit the cash bail which they put up for their temporary release some months ago.

MRS. CALVIN JENKS LAID TO REST

The funeral of the late Mrs. Calvin Jenks took place this afternoon from the residence at the corner of Seventh and Pine streets at 2:30 o'clock. Interment was made in the Oak Grove cemetery.

A large number of friends and relatives attended the funeral and followed the remains to their final resting place. Among those from out of the city were Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Doyle of Chicago, F. A. Levens of Minneapolis, Ed. Brown of Winona, and John Dries of Hastings, Minn.

5 KILLED IN EXPLOSION

MARQUETTE, Mich., Dec. 19.—The Dupont Powder company's dynamite works blew up and killed Henry Hall, James Convisky, Barney Johnson, Gustaf Baker and Henry Goreau. The victims are single except Goreau, who lived with his family. The victims were blown to pieces.

CHILD OPERATED ON

The 2-year-old child of Mr. Bert Thompson of Lynxville was operated upon at the La Crosse hospital for throat trouble by Dr. J. L. Callahan and is getting along very nicely.

OFFICIALS GO TO MILWAUKEE

President Earling and Supt. D. C. Cheney of the Milwaukee road left on their special car which came in on the rear of No. 55 this morning for Milwaukee on business.

The train was in charge of Conductor Smith and brakeman Ray Long and Engine No. 12236 took her out.

CENTURY CINCH CLUB

The Century Cinch club was reorganized for the coming season Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Mosher of 1637 Avon street. The officers elected are as follows: A. L. Mosher, president; Mrs. Joseph Wolford, secretary; and Jos. Roth, treasurer.

IRISH SEEKS BIG MEN'S OPINIONS

Rev. J. W. Irish of the First M. E. church, has adopted another interesting way to add to the interest of his serial topic "Why Some Men do Not Go to Church." Rev. Irish this morning mailed to a score of the most noted men in the country letters asking their views on why some men do not go to church. The replies when received will be taken up in a sermon which will no doubt prove one of the most intensely interesting of the entire series.

Among the men addressed are Governors Deneen, Hoch, La Follette, Patterson, also to Weaver, several senators and congressmen and others high in public life.

CELEBRATES MAJORITY BY WEDDING

Olida Christianson Gets a License the Day she is Eighteen

After waiting several months Miss Olida Josephine Christianson observed the day of her majority by allowing in her affianced, Bernt M. Mahlum, to come to the city and secure from County Clerk Rawlinson a marriage license.

Miss Christianson was 18 years old today and the prospective groom left his home in the town of Farmington before daylight this morning, driving into the city. He appeared in the county clerk's office a short time after Mr. Rawlinson opened for business and in a few minutes was made happy with the first legal document in the consummation of the plan he had so long cherished. Both the young people are of prominent families in the town of Farmington. The wedding will occur next week.

POWERS STIRRING FOR NEXT SEASON

President Powers of the Wisconsin Baseball league is already making arrangements to organize baseball clubs at Madison, Appleton, Fond du Lac and Janesville for the next season.

He has compiled a statement showing the number of games lost by each team, at home and away. The record of La Crosse follows:

Lost at home to Oshkosh, 6; Freeport, 3; Beloit, 3; Wausau, 3; Green Bay, 2—17.

Lost away, to Oshkosh, 4; Freeport, 7; Beloit, 4; Wausau, 5; Green Bay, 4—24.

Total lost—41.

Won at home, from Oshkosh, 5; Freeport, 8; Beloit, 8; Wausau, 8; Green Bay, 9—38.

Won away, from Oshkosh, 7; Freeport, 4; Beloit, 7; Wausau, 6; Green Bay, 6—30.

Total won—68.

PARDON UNFORTUNATE PARK BOARD TREAS.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 18.—The board of pardons has decided to parole E. S. Dreyer, treasurer of the West Park board of Chicago, sentenced to ten years in 1897 for being unable to turn over the funds to his successor because the bank where he deposited failed.

REV. WADE BROWN IS VERY LOW

It is reported that Rev. Wade Brown, formerly pastor of the Baptist church in Bangor, is very low with a tubercular trouble and is not expected to live long. He is now at his old home in Virginia. Rev. Brown will be remembered as a young man of marked ability and fine character who endeared himself to his Bangor congregation.

WEATHER FORECAST

Generally fair; cooler tonight and Tuesday.
Highest temperature is 48.
Lowest 30.
The barometer has fallen in the far northwest, which will tend to bring warmer weather again.
Tuesday afternoon and night, with possible rain or snow.

BRICK TRUST CONFESSES TO CRIME

Of Existence and a Number are Fined \$2,000 for Participation

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)
CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—The "brick trust" case was called this morning in Judge Smith's court. The defendants, accused of violation of the state anti-trust law in December, decided to make no denial of their guilt and were fined \$2,000 each as follows: Illinois, American, Chicago Brick companies, George C. Prussing, President, Illinois, Edwin J. Tomlins, John Shelhamer, John Gray, Sales Agents companies, Patrick McCann, Charles Hank, Agents Brick Workers' Union.

ANOTHER CO. IN INSURANCE NET

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Menry Moir actuary of the Provident Savings Insurance company testified before the insurance committee this morning on their financial condition.

RIOTS AT SHANGHAI

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The state department has been notified by the American consul at Shanghai of riots which resulted in the killing of several foreigners and two Chinese. No Americans are reported killed. A number of buildings were burned.

THEO. SCHUMANN DIES HERE

Mr. Theodore Schumann of Prairie du Chien, died Sunday morning at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Chas. H. Schweizer in this city. Mr. Schumann was for nearly 50 years a resident of Prairie du Chien. He was a native of Esslingen, Germany, and was born Jan. 30th, 1830. He had been an invalid for years and recently came to La Crosse to spend the winter with his daughter.

A widow, Misses Ida and Emma Schumann, Mrs. Chas. H. Schweizer of this city, Mrs. P. A. Kolb of Oconomowoc and W. R. Schumann of New York City, survive him.

A short service was held at the residence this morning and the remains taken to Prairie du Chien where interment was made this afternoon, the burial services being in charge of the Masonic lodge of that city, of which the deceased was a member.

14 YEARS FOR MURDER

BYOOMBINGTON, Ill., Dec. 18.—Thomas Watters, a negro, was sentenced to fourteen years for killing at Clinton Lydia Grant, white.

DOG KILLED BY CAR

A big brown shepherd dog was run over by a street car and killed near the gas works today.

FUNERAL OF MRS. HILDA WEIDNER

The funeral of Mrs. Hilda Weidner who died Friday morning, will be held from the residence, 900 Hood street, tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. K. Anderson officiating and Fessler and Dahl in charge. Deceased leaves one son, Harry, and daughter, Anna. Her husband who was a well known local barber, died about three years ago.

TRICK TO "COPPER" STREAM

Chi. has a Scheme to Monopolize

UPPER RIVER WOULD SUFFER

Bill to Appropriate \$31,000,000 for Improvement to St. Louis

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—A bill appropriating \$31,000,000, for a deep waterway from Chicago to St. Louis was introduced in the house today.

This would mean, if the bill were to pass and the appropriation be made that Chicago would have taken all river transportation from the upper river by this trick. The idea of the bill is to secure the enlargement of the drainage canal from Chicago to the Mississippi and the improvement of the Mississippi from the point where the canal enters it, to St. Louis thus making possible the transportation of large boats from the Atlantic through the lakes, through the canal and to St. Louis via the Mississippi.

This plan, however, would undo all that is demanded by the Mississippi River Improvement association which convened here last summer, and which demands a deep channel from St. Paul. The measure would practically put the upper river "off the map" so far as river navigation and its accompanying benefits were concerned, giving all to Chicago.

The measure will no doubt meet generous opposition and defeat.

MONEY AND SOLDIERS BLOWN TO ATOMS IN RUSSIA

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)
ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 18.—It is reported a military train was dynamited and killed two hundred cosacks. Troops at Riga have joined the rebels and the town is being bombarded and is afire in many places.
13,000,000 Roubles Gone.
ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 18.—A train bearing a hundred and twenty million roubles is believed to be lost. Different towns report a total of thirteen hundred and fifty killed. Nearly three thousand have been wounded in clashes with rebels.

COONS ARE SCARCE

Not many years ago coons were plentiful in this section of the country and it was no trick at all to get three or four in a single night, says the Cashton Record. Now these fine animals are very scarce and it requires hard work to secure one. Willis Harrington and Bert Jenness, with their dogs, captured one Thursday night, after a hard chase. It was a large one and weighed about 26 pounds. Friday night the boys made another trip and got the second animal. It was fully as large as the first one. In order to get this one the boys had to cut a tree down that measured nearly four feet across the butt. Both coons fought desperately with the dogs.

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The Caleb Powers case is set for argument Jan. 15.

PIPES CIGARS PIPES

In selecting HIS CHRISTMAS GIFT there are two things to consider. First, to give something lasting, and second, something that will please. We find that the most delightful and satisfactory gift one can give is a GOOD PIPE, or a box of FINE CIGARS. Our stock of Meerschaum and Briar pipes is the most complete in the city, therefore in making your selection you will have a large variety to choose from.

REMEMBER we give premium coupons FREE with each purchase which are of value in securing beautiful presents fully described in our premium list. A Few Pointers:

Briar Pipes All shapes, with Chinese Amber or Rubber Mouth Pieces, from 10c to 75c	Flor de P. & W. Cigars Packed 25 in box, at \$1.75	Meerschaum Pipes Plain or gold mounted, in fine leather cases, best possible quality, from \$2.00 to \$10.00	H. T. Waters La Crosse and Partridge Box of 25, at \$2.00	Tobacco Bags Fine Quality Leather, plain or fancy, from 10c to \$1.25
Gold Mounted Briar Pipes in Cases Plain or handsomely mounted in gold and silver, from \$1.00 to \$8.00	Pacolet High Life Cigars Packed 25 in box, at \$2.00	Meerschaum Cigar Holders With amber mouthpieces in fine leather cases from 50c to \$5.00	Pampero Pamperin Cigar Co's best 5c Cigar, box of 50 cigars at \$1.75	Cigar Jars Imported Ware, in many designs, from 50c to \$2.25
German Pipes Ranging from 8 inches to 3 ft., in length from 50c to \$3.00	Dengler's Capital Cigars Box of 50, at \$1.75	Snuff Boxes 50 styles to select from. Prices from 5c to \$2.00	Black Rose 5c Cigar Box of 25 Cigar at \$1.00	Match Boxes Gun Metal with emblems or Leather, from 15c to \$1.00
Beautiful Turkish Pipes Beautifully decorated with Amber Stem, at from \$1.00 to \$8.00	La Prevalidad Clear Havana. Box of 50 Cigars, at \$4.00	Cigar Cases The latest patterns, fine leather, in colors at from 25c to \$5.00	Forschler's Havana Londres Box of 50 Cigars at \$2.00	Humidors Just the thing to keep cigars moist, in Oak, Mahogany or Birds Eye Maple, from.... \$6.00 to \$17.00

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323 Main Street

"At the Sign of the Indian"

323 Main Street

PIANIST ATTACHED MACHINE

Attempted to Break up Picture Show

Friday night Charles F. Fox, piano player for the Howe moving picture exhibition at the theatre, secured an attachment on the picture machine carried by the company, and it looked for a half hour as though there would be no performance. Fox had been discharged, but claimed about \$100 back salary and secured the attachment, serving it at the time for the curtain to go up. It was impossible to secure a writ of replevin, so the company paid the claim and went on with the performance. Managers of the company claim a gross fraud upon the part of Fox.

C. P. Bosworth, the press agent of the company, gave the following statement of the matter:

"Charles F. Fox recently joined the company in answer to our advertisement in the dramatic papers for an orchestra leader. We did not know him but accepted his services on the strength of what has proved to be unreliable reference. His contract provides for instant dismissal with proper cause. We have had abundant evidence of his character for several weeks particularly displayed in actions strictly prohibited by Mr. Howe. We had a new man come on last night and at once paid Fox his salary in full and dismissed him. This was perfectly lawful under his contract.

"Yesterday afternoon, with the aid of a law firm, he laid his plans to make of us another victim. They held off all day and waited until 8:13

last night, just the time to ring up, then served an attachment on our machinery. We had no time to secure a stay of the execution and faced the alternative of paying about \$115 tribute or disappoint the audience. Within two hours we could have secured a writ of replevin but that would have been too late for the performance. The management of the theatre and everyone in the playhouse showered with us the righteous indignation we felt on the heads of the abettors of a crime against the justice of things."

Dr. W. Powell, diseases of women.



MISS MARION HOWARD.
Leading Lady of the Verna May Co.

PROGRAM FOR FARMERS' INSTITUTE

The farmers' institute to be held at West Salem January 4, will be conducted by W. C. Bradley of Hudson, who will be assisted by David Irmie of Roberts, A. A. Arnold of Galesville and T. Corneliuson of Eau Claire.

Morning Session 10.
Clover and Corn—Mr. Irmie.
Silo and Silage—Mr. Arnold.
Sheep—Mr. Bradley.

Afternoon Session, 1:30.

Dairy Cows—Mr. Bradley.
Lawful Milk—Mr. Corneliuson.
Beef—Mr. Arnold.
Swine—Mr. Irmie.

Evening Session, 7:30.

Musical and literary program prepared by local committee.
Farmers and Education—Mr. Bradley.

Germania's Sunday Entertainment

Mr. Adolf Talbisoner delivered a lecture at Germania hall last evening. His theme was "The Re-echo of German Song in German American Poetry."

The lecture is a forceful appeal to the Germans in America to uphold among themselves the highest characterizing ideals of the German race among which is prominent the love of song and music. Mr. Talbisoner cited a large number of appeals by German American poets and writers urging the cultivation of song, showing its intimate association with German ways of thought and sentiment.

Mr. Talbisoner is a speaker of more than ordinary attainments, intellectuality and a fine poetic temperament are happily blended in his personality, enabling him to bring benefit and enjoyment to mind and heart of his auditors.

The speaker acquainted his audience with a number of poetical gems from the pens of some German American poets, which for beauty of language, artistic swing and fiery enthusiasm could not be excelled by any poet of the Fatherland.

For this community Mr. Talbisoner's lecture was a most appropriate and timely appeal. Our German singing societies, for years the most important factors in our musical life have either discontinued their work entirely or lead a sort of sham existence. Is there any reason but the faithlessness and indifference of the members to their cause why we can not have the concerts at present which in past years were the delight of all lovers of song and music?

Mr. Talbisoner's lecture was a rare treat and the vocal selections by Messrs. Noelle and Utermohl were very enjoyable.

—I. T.

• If you can't boost, don't knock! •

Miss Julia Krause and Hugo Krause have returned to their home in Waumandee after a short visit with relatives here.

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BURNS' FRUIT DISPLAY A WORK OF ART

One of the most novel and attractive Christmas displays in the downtown stores is that of the Burns fruit house. One would scarcely believe that such a beautiful display could be evolved out of products sold in a fruit store.

Hundreds of cases of apples and oranges with their yellow, red, green, amber and russet masses of color arranged alternately in artistic manner, are piled up to form two solid walls on the northerly and westerly sides of the store. From the top of these walls between tiers of boxes palms protude, while draped across the ceiling are festoons of evergreen with their ends hanging.

In the windows are huge piles of holly and mistletoe and other Christmas foliage, scattered about in artistic disarray. Hundreds of pounds of candy is scattered about on a long table which extends nearly the length of the room. Everything in the store is arranged to show off to the best possible advantage, and throughout there is a color harmony which is most pleasing to the eye.

All credit for this beautiful display is due to Chris Burns, who conceived the idea and did the larger part of the work in carrying it out. It took hours of the hardest kind of manual labor to arrange the crates of fruit and put on the finishing touches with the Christmas foliage, but Chris. was well repaid today in congratulations of numerous people who dropped into the store and admired the picture.

Mrs. James Hart and daughter Frances of Prairie du Chien are the guests of friends in the city.

If you are a careful reader of the ads. you are "working for your own pocket." And, even if it is a little bit selfish, it is better than working for "other people's pockets" most of the time.

MOHAWK CHIEF, KIT WHIRLWIND, AT BIJOU



Famous Indian, graduate of Carlisle college, and descendant of big chiefs who will give remarkable exhibition at the Bijou theatre beginning tonight.

LADIES SOUVENIR MATINEE AT BIJOU

On Wednesday afternoon a souvenir matinee will be given at the popular Bijou theatre for the ladies of the city. Each lady attending will receive a handsome Christmas souvenir from the management worth as

much as the price of admission or more. The program presented this week is clean and very entertaining and there should be a large audience at this performance. The matinee begins at 2:30 and is over by 4 o'clock; this filling in an hour and a half during the afternoon without interfering with shopping hours.

The Tribune stands for honesty in all things.

SOCIETY.

Mrs. I. N. Cohen entertained a party of young people Friday afternoon in honor of the twelfth birthday of her daughter, Flora. Covers were laid for twelve at a table prettily decorated with carnations. The young hostess was presented by her father with a beautiful sapphire ring surrounded by twelve pearls. The guests present were the Misses Esie Miller, Mollie Dollard, Meta and Martha Penzlau, Maud Shaw, Phoebe Ness, Mable Schick, Vera Versa, Helen May, Myrtle Ellis, Mary Hagenbarth and Mable Cohen.

CLUBS.

The Twentieth Century club which was to hold its meeting Dec. 19th, has been postponed to Jan. 2nd, when it will meet at the home of Mrs. E. A. Gatterdam.

The Woman's Missionary society of the First Baptist church was entertained by Mrs. D. B. Harrison, 719 West avenue South, Friday afternoon. Business and a reading by Miss Lillie Shimmings occupied the attention of the society. Light refreshments were served.

The Ladies' society of the First Presbyterian church was entertained Monday afternoon by Mrs. D. G. MacMillan and Mrs. F. C. Suiter at the latter's home. Miss Alma Hosly and Miss Alida Lindsey delighted the company with well rendered solos and Mrs. Jos. F. Quay gave a pathetic recitation in pleasing fashion. Refreshments were served. This large gathering was called a dollar sociable and was a success both socially and financially.

The Wednesday Afternoon club met last week with Mrs. S. L. Meister and Mrs. F. C. Beisel. The next meeting will be with Mrs. W. A. Pryor.

SOCIETY PERSONALS.

Mrs. Elsie G. Scott who has spent a few weeks with her friends in the city left Friday for Watertown, Fla., where she will spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. John J. Paul.

Mrs. Frederick Tourtellotte returned to her home the first of the week.

Miss Emma Gund returned this week from Lexington, Ky., where she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Gund for a number of weeks.

Miss Maud Danekke of Cedar Rapids will be the guest of Miss Gertrude Norbeck during the holidays.

Miss Juliette, Elder of Mason City will be the guest of friends and relatives here during the holidays.

Mrs. S. L. McKee of West Salem who favored La Crosse friends so often with music when she was a resident of the city sang a solo, "One Sweetly Solemn Thought" at the Sunday evening service at the First Baptist church yesterday.

Mrs. G. Van Steenwyk has returned from a week's stay in Chicago with her daughter, Mrs. Cassels.

Mrs. Amelia Ryder is visiting friends in Racine.

Mrs. Howard Cramer and daughter, Miss Susanna Cramer, have returned from a three months' visit with friends in the east.

FUNERAL OF CHILD.

The funeral of Irene, the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Matthews of 821 St. Andrews street, took place Saturday from the residence and interment was made in the Campbell cemetery, Wm. Dwyer in charge.

DINNER.

Dr. and Mrs. J. A. L. Bradfield entertained at a dinner of twenty covers Monday evening.

CHURCH DEDICATION.

Elaborate ceremonies marked the dedication of the new \$50,000 German Lutheran church at West and Cameron avenues yesterday. Rev. Julius Gamm was assisted in the services of the day by Rev. Adolph Toepel and Rev. G. M. Thurow and other pastors of the district.

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The program began at 10 o'clock, members of the congregation, church council, building committee and the pastors meeting in front of the church at that hour. The contractor presented the key of the church to George Zeisler, president of the building committee, who in turn handed it to the pastor, who opened the door and admitted the throng.

The program within the church was as follows:

Harmonia Maennerchor, "Wie fein sind deine Huetten," hymn by the congregation.

Grand chorus, "Singet dem Herrn neues Lied," Kessel.

Sermon, Rev. Adolph Toepel, Iron Ridge, Wis.

Mixed choir, "Lobt Gott den Herrn,

Dulcen, hymn by congregation.

Harmonia Maennerchor.

Prayer and benediction.

Congregation, closing verse.

Afternoon Program.

2:30 p. m., services.

Harmonia Maennerchor, "Kommt her ihr Christen voller Freud," O. Frey.

Hymn by congregation.

Prayer, scripture lesson.

Duet, "Der Herr ist mein Hirte,"

Wunberger, Miss Ida Voegelé and Otto Zielke.

Hymn by congregation.

Sermon chorus, "Lobet, ihr Knechte des Herren," Kessel.

Hymn by congregation.

Prayer and benediction.

Hymn by congregation.

Evening Program.

The services in the evening were in English.

7:30 p. m., organ prelude.

Mixed choir, "Hark, Hark, My Soul," Shelley.

Prayer.

Scripture lesson.

Grand chorus, "Praise Ye the Father," Gounod.

Prayer and benediction.

Sermon by Rev. J. Klingmann of Watertown, Wis.

Mixed choir.

The attendance at all of the services taxed the capacity of the church.

Last evening 1,500 people were jammed into the edifice and there were hundreds in the street unable to get in.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

That are useful have a double value. They contribute to the comfort of the recipient and are a constant reminder of the giver. This applies more to the men folks, for they do not care about knick-knacs; they had much rather have something useful. Make them a selection from the list and they can't help but appreciate it.

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Men's Suits.....	5.00 to 25.00
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Boys' Suits.....	1.25 to 7.50
Boys' Overcoats.....	2.00 to 10.00
Smoking Jackets.....	4.00 to 12.00
Bath Robes.....	4.00 to 8.00
Fancy Vests.....	1.00 to 5.00
Christmas Mufflers.....	.50 to 3.00
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Men's Plush Caps.....	1.00 to 2.50
Handsome Umbrellas.....	1.00 to 5.00
Gold Plated Cuff Buttons.....	.25 to 1.00
Newest Scarf Pins.....	.25 and .50
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Men's Holiday Sweaters.....	1.00 to 3.50
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Rose, 310 Main street.
Servis, 326 Main street.
Heil Shoe Co., Main street.
T. J. Farlan, 410 Main street.

W. T. Irvine, 429 Main street.
Chas. Beyschlag, 503 Main street.
La Crosse Hat Co., 515 Main street.
Haugen & Hall, 521 Main street.
Palm Leaf Saloon, 118 N. Third street.
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L. Herman, 319 Main street.
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TO ORGANIZED LABORERS.
"Give me a package of that Red Feather."
Alex Cameron, a superintendent of underground construction on one of the Minneapolis-St. Paul telephone lines addressed this remark to O. Walter Hosly in Adam Forschler's cigar store, at the same time pointing to a package of the goods put out by The Western Tobacco Works, a new smoking tobacco factory (and the ONLY smoking tobacco factory) in this city.
Mr. Cameron was in company with a Tribune representative. "Glad to see you Minneapolisians order that, it's made in La Crosse," observed the newspaper man.
"All the better," said Mr. Cameron. "I was born in La Crosse and while I have not been in La Crosse in fifteen years, I regard it as my home. But that is not the reason I smoke Red Feather. I am a laboring man; I belong to a labor union and am a representative to the Minneapolis trades and labor council. I want to see the laboring men of this country recognize those capitalists and industrial operators who recognize labor. "Red Feather" made its appearance in Minneapolis a short time ago, and it bore the UNION LABEL. In these days of trust-made tobaccos that is a welcome sign, and the laboring people of the Twin Cities took to it for that reason. But they found another reason for using it, and that is that RED FEATHER IS ONE OF THE VERY BEST TOBACCOS ON THE MARKET. It is selling like wild fire in our locality, and I predict it will spread to the whole northwest."
What this Minneapolis labor union man said ought to be read with interest by La Crosse working men. He said that Red Feather bears the UNION LABEL, and that it is THE BEST tobacco. That was reason enough to induce the working men of the Twin Cities to "take to it." Is it not a still better reason why La Crosse working people should "take to it?"
If you work in La Crosse, the more FAIR factories there are here the better off YOU and ALL fair workmen living here are. A FAIR factory creates FAIR work, and pays FAIR wages. If you do not stand by your FAIR factories how can they remain FAIR?
And, so we say to all La Crosse smokers, "Smoke Red Feather, for IT'S MADE IN LA CROSSE." And we say to all union women: "Smoke Red Feather tobacco, for it's FAIR, and IT'S MADE IN LA CROSSE."

THE INNOCENCE OF MR. PFISTER.
Mr. Pfister is "innocent" Not on a "technicality," but upon the merits of the trial in which his "reputation" was involved. That Judge Brazee's decision directing acquittal was strictly in accord with the evidence will not be questioned by any intelligent person who has followed the trial. That he was "stakeholder" for a contracting firm who confided to his care funds that all knew were to be used for questionable purposes, that perjury had been committed and the taxpayers tricked, was pretty definitely shown. But it was not shown that Mr. Pfister was guilty of larceny, "as bailee." Following we print in parallel columns some of the things which the Pfister and the anti-Pfister organs have to say of the case. It is all "point of view," and having suffered long from reading both ends of the discussion, we should not shirk the official summaries:

THE ACQUITTAL OF MR. PFISTER.
(From the Free Press.)
Judge Brazee, in directing a verdict of not guilty in the Pfister case yesterday, said that on the evidence as it stands, that is, on the evidence which could be received under the rules of evidence as interpreted by the court, he could not conscientiously pass judgment upon the defendant, if the jury were to find a verdict of conviction.
"I want to say right here," he added, "that whatever the testimony given by Gross elsewhere may have been, I have no means of knowing. My opinion in the case is based solely upon the testimony that appears in this court."

The testimony before the grand jury on which the indictment was based was not before this court, and the meager testimony of the few state witnesses which the district attorney was able to get in differed materially from the testimony before the grand jury. The defense did not want the grand jury testimony placed before the public and was able to keep it out. It was allowed to inspect this testimony for its own purposes and could have made it public if it wished. It did not do so.
So far as the criminal charge of larceny as bailee is concerned, Mr. Pfister stands before the public innocent, acquitted by a jury by direction of the court.
So far as the interest of the public good is concerned, the indictment has at least cleared up the history of the garbage deal of 1897-8. It has brought out the fact, concealed at the time, that a fund of \$25,000 was placed in the hands of Mr. Pfister as a stakeholder, by the Wisconsin Rendering company to be expended in getting a public contract for that company, after the contract had been awarded to a lower bidder. It has disclosed the fact that certain witnesses, involved in this conspiracy against the public interest, gave false testimony before the city council investigating committee in 1898. The people have seen, too, how even prominent citizens have been willing to aid dishonest contractors in efforts to defraud the city.

After a calm, dispassionate, judicial review of the testimony presented by the district attorney in the criminal suit in which Charles F. Pfister was charged with larceny as bailee and presented on indictment by the grand jury, Judge Brazee yesterday directed the jury to return a verdict of "not guilty" and discharged the accused.
The action of the court was not based on any technicality, nor did it involve any of the legal questions discussed by counsel. No evidence had been introduced on behalf of the defendant. The state's legal representatives had been granted the broadest latitude permitted by the rules of evidence when introducing their testimony. And yet, the court expressly decided that the state's evidence proved the innocence of the defendant.
More than five months have passed since the indictment against Mr. Pfister was returned by the grand jury. The prosecuting attorney has not only had the evidence presented to that body upon which to prepare his case, but he had ample time to reinforce that evidence. That he has had a disposition to make the strongest presentation of the case goes without saying.
But, in the opinion of the court, the testimony presented by the state proved the innocence of the defendant, leaving out of the account the evidence of Mr. Pfister before the court commissioner which was introduced by the district attorney and read into the record.
After resting for five months under the cloud cast upon his reputation by the indictment, Mr. Pfister was able to secure a trial. He was not called upon to prove his innocence, for the evidence adduced cast no imputations upon him. Why should he have been forced to submit to this indignity?

When innocent men are subjected to such injustice; when designing prosecuting attorneys procure citizens to be indicted without cause, force them into the prisoner's dock and humiliate them in the sight of their fellow citizens on unfounded charges, such prosecutors prostitute their offices and should be condemned by all honest men.

There is a feeling that the city smoke ordinance has gone up in smoke.
Not that the governor loves Connor less, but that he loves Lenroot more.
We may inadvertently have brought the Polish trouble to our own doors.
It is said that Prof. Dana is of the opinion that Conway is a "rube."
If you don't like a man, you do not need to tell him; tell his friends, that's much better.
The clearing of Pfister seems likely to cloud the political atmosphere even more than before.
Wonder if some of the "other fellows" are not concluding that after all, The Tribune has come to stay?
And Alderman Rose is still alive and Alderman Downs is still at large and ex-Alderman Heath is still.
Now Harriman has supplanted Ryan in the Mutual, and Ryan is expelled. Something like a Wisconsin political situation.

The independent lighting company has closed a contract to light the postoffice; that is in harmony with President Roosevelt's policy of "baiting" the trusts.
Harriman now explains some of his insurance testimony, by declaring it a joke. Harriman must remember he has two sides to his face, and the investigation is not over.
Now that we were beginning to enjoy a fine farmer trade, "somebody went and spoiled it all," by stirring up a tax muddle and creating a boycott against the merchants. That will please the merchants.

It tickles us to see our good friend P. W. Mahoney getting after somebody else. What with violators of the smoke ordinance and newspaper hold-ups of the city treasury for public printing and the seizure of public property and obstruction of the city streets by private enterprise he is a busy man. And our own rough-and-tumble-in-a-pit with Paul notwithstanding, we are of the opinion that if he has made up his mind to it he will keep the "other fellows" bothered to a finish. Paul looks best in action.

CARNIVAL FOR AID OF LEAGUE TEAM SEVEN DIE IN FLAMES

President Elliott of the La Crosse Baseball association is agitating a carnival with which to raise money for the support of the team next year and the affair has been practically decided upon.
Mr. Elliott has just returned from Freeport, where he witnessed a carnival which was a glowing success, clearing over \$2,000. This puts the Freeport team on a solid financial basis to start the season and assures the management plenty of funds with which to secure good players.
The idea of holding a carnival here is to relieve the business and other vitally interested in the team of the larger part of the financial burden. Everyone will have a chance to donate articles to be placed on sale. It is planned to hold the carnival late in February or early in March.
"Mother and Sleep" in the Royal Chef
Louis Seaman, co-author with Henry Greisen, of the songs "Mother" and "Sleep," sung here in the U. C. T. minstrels, has received word from the manager of the "Royal Chef" company that both songs will be sung in their company after December 20th. The theatrical manager pays special compliment to "Sleep."

KILLS MANIAC WHO ATTACKS HIM

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Protecting himself from attack from an apparently insane man John Bronson, a hotel clerk, killed his assailant. The

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JUST LIFE

All May Return, but One.
It is hard to restore the faded rose, Or sunshine to eyes that weep; It is hard to cheer that sad repose When the heart has gone to sleep.
We may not recall a scent wind-tossed, Or a smoke-ring's fading gray; It is hard to regain a love that's lost, Or a soul that has drifted away.
It's hard to retouch the insect's wing, Or the bloom to the paling cheek; We seldom can heal the painful sting Of the thorn in the rose we seek.
We may try hard to recall again The pleasures of the past; But seldom returns that first wild pain, When the die of love is cast.
Still, some of these we may recall, The rose may bud again, But ne'er returns a character Some lying tongue has slain.

A Murder Story.

W. F. Wolfe and Attorney A. P. Parsons were shivering on the windy corner of Fourth and Main, trying to believe the weather was comfortable. Suddenly there was an extra-sharp gust, and O. R. Skaar, white as a sheet and shaking with excitement, blew round the corner.
"Have you heard it?" he whispered hoarsely.
"No! What?" in unison.
"Paul Mahoney's shot."
"The Devil!" exclaimed Wolfe.
"Is that so?" volunteered Parsons.
"Yes!" hissed Skaar.
"Is he badly hurt?" asked Wolfe.
"Yes, yes, did it hurt him?" queried Parsons, fast becoming excited.
"Dead," groaned Skaar.
"The Devil!" exclaimed Wolfe.
"Why, why, you don't say, well—" broke in Parsons.
"Who shot him?"
"I did," whispered Skaar and his face seemed to grow a shade whiter.
"Go on."
"Do tell," said Parsons beginning to move about nervously.
"Yes, I killed him. For Lord sake don't tell anyone. No one saw me do it. But he's dead—dead—dead!" moaned the discomfited Skaar.
Thereupon the three formed a solemn pledge to keep the details away from reporters and others.
Wolfe and Skaar started over Fourth. Parsons hurried into his office in the McMillan building, and refused to see visitors.
Skaar and Wolfe stopped and turned sharply to the right at a point opposite the Fourth street entrance of the Park store. As the swinging door slammed behind them the explosion came. They were thereupon refreshed. Attorney Parsons did not know, up to this morning when he met Mahoney on the street.

When ministers grow severe in condemning the shortcomings of mankind they should remember if we were all perfect, they would be out of a job.
More Limericks.
There's a thing we all know as society, Regarded by some as a Di-ety, You must make a big flash, Even though you eat hash, And the bloods don't care for propriety.
When you dig up the price of a dance, You can stay for a while in the trance, But you wake up next day With your board still to pay, Then you hike down to "hock" your best pants.
If you meet a fair dame with the cash, You then and there try for a mash; If the maid turns you down Seek your hole in the ground And return to your cold soup and hash.

One may be fearfully independent, but for all it is nice to have friends to say a good word for one, now and then.
—W. V. K.

Livery Notice

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CROOKED SOLDIER SENTENCED

MANILA, Dec. 18.—H. B. Mulford, a former major of the 38th infantry, has been sentenced to six years on charges of embezzling funds from an American bank. He appeals to the supreme court.
Mulford was manager of the American bank which failed in May. The bank examiners alleged Mulford forged the names of merchants and stole forty thousand of the bank's funds. The bank founded in 1902 after Mulford retired from service.

A RARE CHANCE

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NEW TRAIN TO LOS ANGELES

The Northwestern Line and the Union Pacific Put On a Fast Through Train Via Salt Lake, Beginning Dec. 17.
A solid through train from Chicago to Los Angeles will be placed in service over the Chicago, Union Pacific & Northwestern Line and the newly opened Salt Lake Route (S. P., L. A. & S. L. R. R.) leaving the Wells street station, Chicago, every day in the year, at 10:05 p. m., and arrive at Los Angeles at 4:45 the third day. The train will be electric lighted throughout. The equipment is new from the Pullman shops, and includes Pullman standard drawing room, sleeping cars, one Pullman tourist sleeping car, and a composite-observation car, with buffet-smoking room and book-lovers library, through to Los Angeles without change. All meals in dining car, a la carte service.
This train is an especially desirable one for tourist travel carrying both tourist sleeping cars and standard drawing room Pullman of the latest designs.
The route of the new train is over the only double track railway between Chicago and the Missouri River, through Council Bluffs, Omaha and Cheyenne to Ogden and Salt Lake City, and directly across Southwestern Utah and Southern Nevada into the citrus fruit region of California, passing through San Bernardino, Riverside and Pomona to Los Angeles. This is a new and desirable routing and secures to the traveler the advantages of the best that can be produced in railway travel over the pioneer line from Chicago and the enjoyment of new scenes and excellent train service over the new Salt Lake road.

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With Banks.....572,660.88
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Total.....\$3,892,619.96
LIABILITIES.
Capital.....250,000.00
Surplus.....150,000.00
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**DR. LEO BANG-
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Dr. Leo F. Banghart, a young den-
tist who for a time practiced here and
Miss Levyna Munson, daughter of A
Munson, will be wedded
here within a few days. Their mar-
riage license was taken out at the
county clerk's office this morning.
Dr. Banghart is located in business
at Bruce, Rusk county, where the
young couple will make their home.

**BARBERSHAVES OFF
HIS FINGER**

H. J. C. Kinder of 1117 Caledonia
accidentally cut off the end of a finger
on his right hand while shaving a cus-
tomer. He was reaching for a bottle
on the shelf when he felt his razor
slipping from his other hand. He
made a frantic grasp for it, his finger
closing over the blade with such
force as to clip off its end. The in-
jury was a painful one and bled freely
until stopped by Dr. T. H. Miller, who
was called on the case.

CITY NEWS

K. B. Jefferson of Sparta was in
the city visiting with friends yester-
day.

COLBY, the heavy light man,
The Mohawk chief, Kit Whirl-
wind, a blue blood of Indian royalty,
is to appear at the Bijou tonight.

W. B. Sprowl has returned from an
eastern trip and will spend the holi-
days in the city.

Johnson's Blue Ribbon Chocolates
at Roth's.

Albena and Le Brant, mind readers
and workers in the black art, will be
a leading feature at the Bijou begin-
ning tonight. They can tell you what
you are thinking about and will pay
you if they cannot.

The stores will be open evenings
every night this week.

"The Malleable" steel range will be
demonstrated at Dittman's Hardware
Store, 129 South Fourth street, all
this week. Biscuits and coffee will
be served free. You are invited to come.

Thomas Lancaster, a famous black
face comedian will be on the Bijou
program this week.

The funeral of Mrs. A. W. Wagner,
who died Saturday, will be held from
the residence, 900 Hood street, to-
morrow afternoon and interment
will be made in Oak Grove cemetery.

Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea is
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new blood, strength and new vigor.
It makes you well and keeps you
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The funeral of Charles Strause,
which was held from the synagogue
yesterday afternoon was largely at-
tended by old friends. A. Hirsh-
heimer officiated. Surviving members
of the Iron Brigade attended in a
body. Pallbearers were Samuel
Schoen, H. Langstadt, George D.
Wright, George Dalton, M. Hirsh-
heimer and Joseph Felber. Interment
was in the Jewish cemetery.

Electric wiring, Benton, phone 178.
The Brobst tria, singers, dancers
and skaters, will entertain Bijou
crowds this week.

Contractor Olaf Swennes left last
night for Chicago, where he has se-
cured a contract to erect a basement
under one of the apartment houses.

FOR RENT—Front room, first floor
above bank. Batavian National
bank.

Mrs. A. Sempke and Mrs. F. Ker-
sha are spending a few days in this
city from their homes at North
Ridge.

Wouldn't you be surprised if your
dentist made you a Christmas present

FOR SALE

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forced to sell out my business,
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gate and you will buy.

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pons, in order to secure valuable Christmas gifts for their friends
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rags; but well tailored jackets
that are so perfectly propor-
tioned that they fall right in-
to the proper shape with every
wearing. Prices—

\$4.00 to \$9.00

The Continental Clothing House

of \$2? I'll make you a Christmas pre-
sent of from \$2 to \$3 on every set of
teeth I make from now until Christ-
mas. That is, I'll make you a \$12
set for \$9, a \$10 set for \$8, or an \$8
set for \$6 cash. No extracting at
these prices. A positive guarantee
with every set of teeth. Dr. J. W.
Lawrence, Dentist, Fifth and Main.
New phone, 452-M.

Mrs. James Young has returned to
her home in Canton, Minn., after a
few days' visit with La Crosse rela-
tives.

Mrs. G. A. Lukwitz is in Chicago
having been called there on account
of the death of her sister, Mrs. Anna
Riembold.

"Where the Oregon Rolls," a sand-
sightly illustrated song, will be sung
at the Bijou this week by Will Ar-
mond. It is illustrated with scenic
pictures from Oregon.

John Kruger has resigned his posi-
tion at the Linker barber shop and ac-
cepted one with A. Farnam on Mill
street.

Beautifying methods that injure
the skin and health are dangerous.
Be beautiful without discomfort by
taking Hollister's Rocky Mountain
Tea. Sunshiny faces follow its use.
35 cents. Ask your druggist.

The insurance company of the town
of Shelby held a meeting at the of-
fice of County Treasurer Herman
Roessler Saturday.

"The Gay Deceivers," a startlingly
funny moving picture, at the Bijou
this week, has attracted much at-
tention in the east. It is something on
the order of the popular boarding
school girls, recently seen here.

Spare 10 minutes at least to the con-
sideration of greater kitchen comfort,
better meals, more of a saving in
cooking expense. Spend that 10 min-
utes learning of the everlasting
strength, scientific construction,
splendid cooking efficiency and money
saving quality of the "Malleable"
steel range, being demonstrated at
Dittman's Hardware Store all this
week.

John Alexander has sold to Henry
A. Verkins, former employe of Lar-
son & Mercier, a half interest in his

Ground Green Bone

Saves one-third feed. Chickens
produce twice as many eggs.

—SOLD AND MADE BY—
LANGDON & BOYD

horse shoeing business at 1417 South
Fourth street.

The woman who goes from week
to week in dread of Monday should
use the modern work-saving way-
soaking clothes in suds of Beach's
Peosta Soap. Thousands of women
are happier because of what Peosta
has done for them. Buy it at your
grocer's.

Wednesday afternoon there will be
a ladies' souvenir matinee at the Bi-
jou. Every lady present will re-
ceive a handsome and appropriate
present, worth as much or more than
the price of admission.

Emil Schulze, editor of the Arcadia
Anzeiger, Arcadia, Wis., spent yester-
day in the city as the guest of his brother,
Alderman Robert Schulze, 715 Rose
street.

Dr. W. Powell, diseases of women.

Judge Brindley late Saturday after-
noon dismissed the case brought
against J. F. Stras of the Chronicle
by State Factory Inspector Lehnhoff
for violation of a state sanitary law,
because the prosecution could not
show that there were enough em-

ployes to make the law amenable to
that office.

Ladies should be sure not to over-
look the souvenir matinee at the Bi-
jou Wednesday, when every lady will
receive a handsome present.

Clear thinking, decisive action, vim
and vigor of body and mind, the
sparkle of life, comes to all who use
Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea, 35
cents, Tea or Tablets. Ask your
druggist.

Most of the local travelmen
have made their last trip for the year
and will spend the next two weeks
with their families here.

WIRING, the heavy light man.

Egid Hackner has returned from a
business trip to Milwaukee.

A. A. Morse has returned from
Milwaukee where he spent a couple
of days on business.

Delicious coffee and biscuits will be
served every day this week at Ditt-
man's Hardware Store, 129 South
Fourth street, demonstrating the su-
perior qualities of the "Malleable"
steel range.

There is no gift that you can send
to a former resident of this city which

will be appreciated more than a copy
of the Philippi Souvenir of La Crosse.
For sale at all bookstores.

Nordell Bergman has returned to
his home in Coon Valley after a
short visit with friends here.

The young people are expected
home from college during the next
few days.

W. W. Hedges has sold to G. C.
Hagenbach property in the city of
Onalaska for a consideration of \$800.

Andrew Anderson and Miss Clara
Borresen have secured a license to
wed from County Clerk Rawlinson.

John Norlinsky has sold to John
Brizek property in the town of Burns
for a consideration of \$250.

County Clerk Rawlinson has issued
a marriage license to E. A. Lambert
and Ella O'Brien.

The county board committee on
claims will meet Friday to consider
bills previous to the meeting of the
board called for the 26th.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Noem,
1711 Charles street, a daughter.

Read the Tribune and get the news
handled honestly, and while it is
news.

TOM MOORE



"As we journey through
life, let us live by the way"

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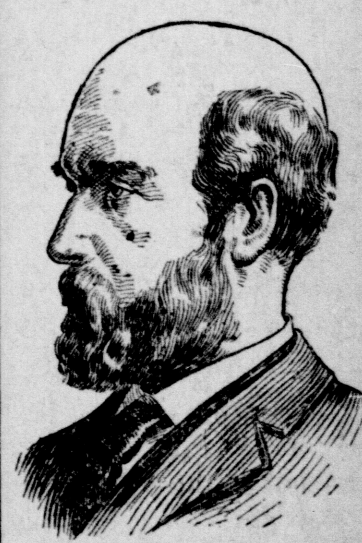
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FAY'S 12 TEMPTATIONS, Clear Havana.....	12 in a box.....	.75
TOM MOORE, Souvenirs.....	12 in a box.....	1.00
HENRY GEORGE, Perfecto size.....	25 in a box.....	1.00
LITTLE TOM.....	25 in a box.....	1.00
MASTERPIECE, Jockey Club Size.....	25 in a box.....	1.00
LA AZORA, Operas.....	25 in a box.....	1.00
FLOR DE FAY, Epicures, Clear Havana.....	25 in a box.....	2.75
DANIEL WEBSTER, Epicures, Clear Havana.....	25 in a box.....	2.75
OPTIMO, Varledadies, 3 sizes in a box.....	25 in a box.....	3.50

We also carry a full line of Meerschaum and Briar Pipes, Humidors and other Smokers' Articles
Suitable for Christmas Gifts.



Our Watches at Your Prices

Because The

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in time to take advantage of the full holiday season. The greatest order of thoroughly reliable and valuable time pieces ever shipped to La Crosse must be thrown on the market at bargain counter figures simply because they came too late. This fact places before you the most remarkable opportunity to possess an accurate and artistic watch at a ridiculously low cost that was ever offered to the people of any community. Look:

\$14.75

Buys a 14 Carat
GOLD WATCH
American Made,
Guaranteed For 25
Years. : : : :

See Our Display Window for the Best Watches in La Crosse for the cost of a poor article by obscure makers.

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A shipment of new design Electric
Fixtures. Do not fail to come and
see them.

A. O. COLBY,

The heavy light man.

TIMBER AND FRUIT LAND.

We have a practically solid tract of 100,000 acres, just over the line in Southern British Columbia on which there are over 100,000,000 feet of timber, cedar, larch, hemlock, fir and white pine, all on or near good logging streams and served by two transcontinental railroads, which we can sell for less than the stumpage is worth and give terms on one-half the purchase price. A large part of the land is worth now from \$5 to \$25 per acre for fruit-growing, gardening, dairying, etc., after the timber has been removed. A splendid investment for a capitalist who can wait. Taxes low. Title perfect. No incumbrance. Improved La Crosse property considered as part payment.

ADDRESS.

F. R. DUXBURYLAND CO.

312-313 Germania Life Bldg.
St. Paul, Minn.

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Earl Umberger has accepted the position of engineer at the Milwaukee boiler house.

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Winslows, Hockey and
Wood Top
RACING SKATES
On Sale By
KING The Skate
Man. : :
624 Main St.

Engine 1144 from Milwaukee has been put on switching in the north side yards, and 1107 has been sent to Milwaukee.

See Kit Whirlwind, the Mohawk Indian chief, at the Bijou this week.

H. Hovde has returned from an extended trip throughout the north.

The Monitor—A. & O. Sletten.

Wires have now been put into service on the north side and it was said that "they cast a shadow on the other lights."

Complete change of program at the Bijou tonight. The new program, if possible excels that of last week.

J. W. Strader of the Burlington will move in the near future to Winona where he has been transferred.

John Garrett, fireman on the Milwaukee is able to be around after a severe attack of rheumatism.

Ladies' souvenir matinee at the Bijou Wednesday afternoon should attract a large and enthusiastic audience of ladies. Every lady attending will receive a handsome present, worth as much or more than the price of admission.

Rev. Murphy returned Saturday from a few days' visit through Richland and Sauk counties. He left for Wausau.

If you want to get a fine turkey, chicken or goose for a Christmas dinner stop at Abe Pittenger's 524 Mill street.

Mr. and Mrs. Hermann Neuman who have been visiting for the past few days with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Engelke of Rose street have gone to Hokah to spend a few days with relatives there.

North side ladies will be interested

in the announcement of a ladies' souvenir matinee at the Bijou Wednesday afternoon when each lady attending will receive as a Christmas souvenir, a handsome present worth as much and probably more than the price of admission.

Thomas & Phalon's buckwheat. Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Colton, Robert Taylor and David Weida are in Chicago on a short business trip.

Cornelius Kennedy of 723 Windsor street, is very ill at the St. Francis hospital where he was taken some ago and operated upon.

A HOLIDAY BEVERAGE

For people of any age,

NEUBER GINGRER ALE

Best in the land, keep some on hand.

Order now. Both Phones.

North Side Bottling Works

327 Jay Street
Headquarters for
Christmas Trees and
APPLES

The Post Office

has closed a contract with the

Wisconsin Light & Power Co.

to do its lighting. This is the most important contract let since the Court House and Jail contracts were secured by

The Wisconsin Light & Power Co.

LA CROSSE THEATRE **ALL WEEK**

VERNA MAY & COMPANY

With Their Own Orchestra

TONIGHT

"RED RIVER"

LADIES FREE. USUAL CONDITIONS

TOMORROW NIGHT

"MY LADY NELL"

PRICES, 10c, 20c, 30c.

Calumet Baking Powder

Perfect in quality. Moderate in price.

THE TRIBUNE WANT COLUMN

Advertisements under these headings, one cent a word each insertion. No advertisement taken for less than ten cents.

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—House \$4 and \$6 per month. House with bath \$10 per month. Horton's park, 1042 Denton street.

FOR RENT—Furnished room in modern house, centrally located; gentlemen preferred. Apply 1122 Main street.

FOR RENT—An 8-room modern house at No. 1337 State street. Apply at 107 South Third street.

FOR RENT—Cottage corner Tenth and State streets. Inquire 5722, old phone.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—Meat market with fixtures, tools and icebox; good business location; South Fifth and Market or 801 South Fifth street; also ice house, residence and barn. Inquire 1123 South Eleventh street. Old phone, 9581.

FOR SALE—Cheap, a good horse for family or delivery use (gentle); also buggy and harness. Inquire 817 oSouth Fifth.

FOR SALE—Hard and soft wood at a reasonable price. Orin Wilbur 902 Avon street. Old phone, 6153.

FOR SALE—A wood-sawing machine, cheap; 5-horse power engine. Enquire 922 Jackson street.

FOR SALE—Guarantee best second growth oak wood at \$5.50. Old phone, 5901, 603 Main.

FOR SALE—Good first class Kimball organ, cheap, 1013 Caledonia street.

LOST.

SUITABLE REWARD will be paid to man who picked up brown fur coat at corner Sixth and Vine streets at five o'clock Sunday afternoon, upon delivery to 226 Seventh street.

HELP WANTED—FEMALE.

WANTED—A girl for general housework. Inquire 429 South Fifth street.

WANTED—Girl for general housework, 706 State street.

WANTED—Girl at 706 State street.

PIANO TUNING.

TUNING of pipe and reed organs and pianos. For sale new and second hand pianos and organs, 1409 George street, La Crosse. N. Olson.

POSITIONS WANTED—MALE.

WANTED—Bookkeeper, young man with experience. State age, experience and salary wanted, M. E. care Tribune.

FURNACES AND STOVES.

FURNACES AND STOVES repaired, cleaned and set up. Orders promptly attended to. Old phone, 3483.

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TABLE BOARD—\$3.50 a week at 137 South Eleventh street.

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MONEY TO LOAN—Diamonds, watches, etc. Stevens, 510 Main street.

LOANS made salaried people on furniture, pianos, horses, wagons. No removal, no publicity. LA CROSSE MORTGAGE & LOAN Co., 822 Main Street, up stairs.

ARCHITECT.

WELLS E. BENNETT Architect Room 3, Batavian Bank Building

ATTRACTIVE TRIFLES.

A Craze For White Fur—Lingerie Waist Still Smart—Revival of Red.

There is a perfect craze just now for white fur, be it ermine or the imitation, which is in reality white rabbit. The genuine thing has reached fabulous prices and is indeed a fur for the wealthy.

Lingerie waists, hand embroidered waists of handkerchief linen or batiste, will be worn all winter. There is nothing particularly new in their makeup this season except that now and then a yoke appears and the design and embroidery are never twice alike.

Shirt waists of plain linen distinctly tailor made, with plain buttons, plain tucks, plain sleeves and sometimes finished with a link cuff which buttons down the inside, are much worn. One of the prettiest waists of the season comes from Ireland and is white linen, heavily embroidered by hand.

There is a revival of red for rough weather garments, a rather bright



MODISH CLOTH GOWN.

shade of red resembling hunting pink. This color is also a decided feature in small coats of cloth worn with skirts of white check on the golf links.

Secret bracelets—bracelets that lock on the arm and are supposed never to come off—are worn as engagement bracelets. As a matter of fact, they can be taken off by the insertion into the lock of a pin point.

The gown illustrated is a charming combination of cloth and braid. The double skirt is elaborately trimmed with soutache, and the bodice is strapped and laced in a fascinating fashion with the braid.

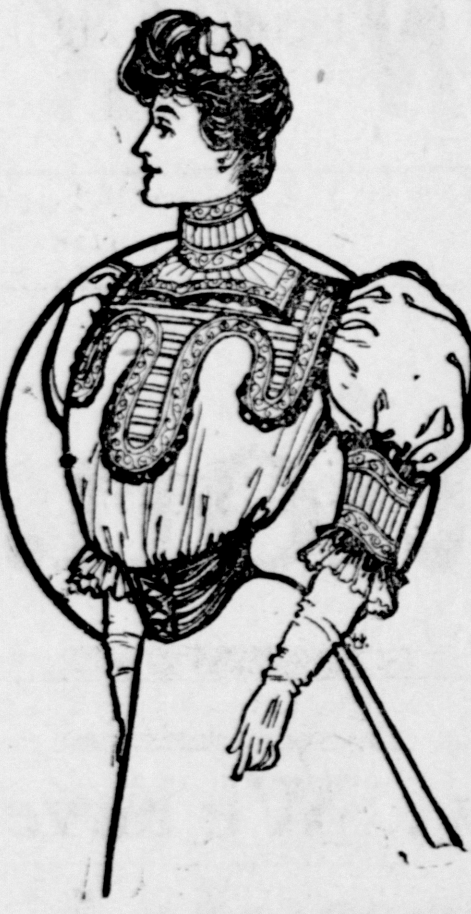
FREAKS OF FASHION.

Separate Coats Smart and Economical—Guimpe Effects Still Chic.

The vogue of the separate coat has a special feature in its favor in the fact that it makes possible the wearing of different frocks or skirts underneath. Now, with a well selected separate wrap the question of both street and evening wear is solved. The home toilet can easily be worn to the theater with the addition of a smart topcoat.

Guimpe and guimpe effects are still very popular. They are at once both smart and economical. Any of the sheer silk or cashmeres is used with striking effect when accompanied by a dainty lace or batiste guimpe and perhaps long cuffs of the same materials.

Lace for cuffs and collars is generally backed with chiffon. The effect is quite



EMPIRE GREEN WAIST.

as transparent, and there is no hint of bareness or of that unfinished look that always prevails when the chiffon is omitted.

Tinsel ribbons in all colors are the latest craze and are employed very successfully on hats.

One of the eccentric modes of the moment is that of dyeing feathers and furs to match the fabrics with which they are to be worn.

Perfectly "dear" is the waist of empire green double chiffon seen in the cut. Over the bloused portion of the model is a deep yoke formed of laces of ribbon and scallops of lace insertion, caught with velvet bows. The velvet outlines the entire yoke and trims the cuffs on the elbow sleeves.

JUDIC CHOLLET.

Dr. George Powell, consulting physician and surgeon.

FIVE DAYS TO CHRISTMAS



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You can't get out of making a Christmas present. Your son, your brother, your father and your best fellow, must all be remembered. You no doubt, are studying about what is best to get for them, what they would like best. A useful article is always appreciated. Something to wear is a constant reminder of the giver, that's the kind of a present to buy. Don't let sentiment run away with your better judgement and lead you into buying some nonsensical presents for the men folks, they never like such things.

Let Me Tell You

What they would like best: A SUIT OF CLOTHES, AN OVER-COAT, A SMOKING JACKET, BATH ROBE, PAIR OF GLOVES, A SUIT CASE, UMBRELLA, NICE MUFLER, NECKTIE, HANKERCHIEFS, FANCY STOCKINGS.

Now isn't that a nice list to select from? Any of the above articles would please any man, be he rich or poor. We have a magnificent line of all the above articles and we want you to see them before you buy a single Christmas present for the men folks. Just look over all the other clothing stores and then come to our store and see.

A DOLLAR SAVED IS AS GOOD AS TWO EARNED.



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PETER NEWBURG,

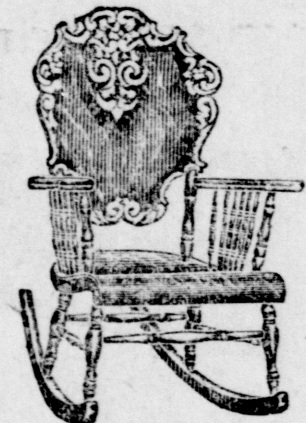
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La Crosse, Wis.



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We give this beautiful Rocker with every purchase of \$22.50, ABSOLUTELY FREE made at our Clothing store before Christmas—Fur Coats are excepted.



We Know You will Have to CALL ON US?

Get Fuel For Winter--And So Do You So Why Not

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The Milwaukee Solvay Coke which we sell Speaks For Itself.

Best in the World for Stoves and Furnaces.

2000 CORDS A1 16 inch Mill Wood at \$3.75 per Load. Not kindling but all good 16 inch Slabs ready for the stove. : : : :

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(Successors to Thomas & Phalon) A. J. EBERHART, MGR.

Cor. Rose and Hagar Sts. North La Crosse Call us up--Both Phones Old--No. 3322 New--No. 631 R.

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During the Holiday Season Tickets at one and one-third fare for the round trip will be sold between all points on the

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	LEAVE	ARRIVE
Chicago, Milwaukee and the East	3:05 a m 12:40 p m 11:10 p m 12:40 a m 3:55 p m	3:10 a m 7:05 a m 10:55 a m 3:20 p m
Winona, St. Paul & Minneapolis	3:20 a m 7:15 a m 11:05 a m 5:10 p m	3:30 a m 12:35 a m 3:50 p m 11:05 p m 12:20 p m
Dubuque, Rock Island Omaha and West	a 12:01 p m a 3:50 p m	a 11:37 a m a 4:55 p m
Southern Minnesota Division	a 10:40 a m c 7:20 p m	a 11:20 p m a 3:45 p m

: Daily; a, daily except Sunday; c, daily except Saturday.

CHICAGO, BURLINGTON & QUINCY.

In Effect July 16th, 1905

	LEAVE	ARRIVE
For Prairie du Chien, Dubuque, Chicago, St. Louis, intermediate pts. and connections beyond	12:15 night 12:14 noon	3:30 a. m. 8:09 a. m.
For Winona, Alma, Prescott, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth, Winipeg and Northwest	3:30 a. m. 8:09 a. m.	12:15 night 12:14 noon

CHICAGO & NORTHWESTERN R. R.

	LEAVE	ARRIVE
Chicago, Milwaukee, Madison and East, Duluth and Superior	a 7:55 a m a 12:35 p m b 10:40 p m	b 5:30 a m a 12:15 p m a 5:30 p m
Trempealeau, Galesville, Winona, Owatonna and West	b 5:30 a m a 12:15 p m a 5:30 p m	a 7:55 a m a 12:35 p m b 10:40 p m

References: a, daily except Sunday, b, daily.

GREEN BAY & WESTERN R. R.

To and From	Leave La Crosse	Arrive La Crosse
Arcadia, Blair Independence, Whitehall, Merrillan, Grand Rapids, Stevens Point, New London Green Bay & Kewaunee.....	A5:15 a.m.	A4:40 pm

A Daily except Sunday.

LA CROSSE & SOUTHEASTERN RAILWAY

	Leave	Arrive
Stoddard, Chaseburg, Coon Valley, Westby, Viroqua	A. 10:00 am A. 6:00 pm B. 8:30 am B. 6:30 pm	A. 9:02 am A. 4:40 pm B. 10:40 am B. 8:47 pm

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Minneapolis	
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COREN'S DAILY STORE NEWS

Buy Gifts That Are Useful As
Well as Ornamental.

Fancy Linens appeal to every woman, old or young,
and carry with them abundance of satisfaction.

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Fringed Cloths fancy damask, 2 yds long \$1.75
\$2.50 values special

Pattern Cloths 21 yds long \$3.00 values
reduced to \$2.28

Pattern Cloths 3 yds long, \$3.50 values,
reduced to \$2.48

Pattern Cloths extra fine damask 2 1/2 yds long \$4.50 val. reduced to \$3.48

Pattern Cloths superior quality, 3 yds. long \$5 values reduced to \$3.75

Round Cloths finest damask 10-4 \$15 values
reduced to \$9.85

Round Cloths extra quality damask 10-4 \$8.50 values, reduced to \$5.48

... STORE OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL CHRISTMAS ...

FANCY TOWELS

Damask Towels colored border with knotted fringe at each 25c

Damask Towels fringed, extra quality, at each 50c

Fancy Towels with hemstitched and drawn work borders at 75c

Tray Cloths damask, drawn work and hemstitched at each 35c

Pillow Shams Reduced.

Shams hemstitched, embroidered corners and centers, 35c values, 19c special each

Spachtel Shams variety of embroidered designs, 75c values, 48c each

Shams with scalloped edge handsome embroidered designs, \$1.00 values reduced to 65c

ANOTHER LARGE CONGREGATION HEARS CHURCH FAULTS

Rev. Irish Takes up Criticisms of the Church and Explains Away Many Cobwebs

Another large congregation greeted Rev. J. K. Irish at the First M. E. church last night when he took up another of his series of sermons on the reasons some men do not go to church. His topic last night was "The Faults of the church." He said in part:

"In a great many instances the church has become so fashionable that most men, the average, feel that to attend such takes them out of their sphere."

This criticism may be undoubtedly applied with truth to some churches but these must not be taken as the normal. The air of refinement and luxury in some church is entirely foreign to some men. But not all churches are so. Let the laboring man go from church to church and find if he does not get a pleasant welcome in most of them. In some I regret to say he will not. In some, the air of refinement is more pronounced than the air of Christianity. In some it is still true that he who has on fine clothes and wears a gold ring is given the preference. But such a church is not a Christian church. It has but little that is Christian about it except the name. It is cursed of God and if not dead already will speedily die, and ought to die. Here we are all one in Christ. We are all brethren.

But are not the complainants themselves as much to blame as the church. They come in in a suspicious way, take a back seat, and slide out as speedily as possible after the service is over. Moreover, if anyone does get the opportunity of shaking them by the hand they return the grip with so much coldness and frigidity that his would-be welcome is chilled by the contact. Many churches are cold, but not all. Find a warm church and attend it. Or join a cold church and warm it up. If strangers will go half way they will be met.

Furthermore, it must be remembered that our sphere is not only physical but mental and moral and spiritual. Let a mechanic or day laborer show qualities of soul and he will appreciate and find himself appreciated by those of the church. "The rank is but the guinea's stamp; the man's the gold for a' that."

There is another fact which must be taken into consideration with all candor. Men when they become converted and join the church leave off some of their bad habits which are costly and make them non-acceptable in good society. In many cases men and their families are compelled to dress poorly because he spends his comes more careful of his life and more prosperous on pointing the church. This is why, perhaps, it is

not noticed that the majority by far of the church members are laboring men. Ask them and see if they do not think that it is profitable in many ways to become members of the church.

Another, carrying out the same thought, says:

"One reason why laboring men, in my opinion, do not attend Protestant churches is because they think, whether rightly or not, that each one in the congregation has been striving to outdo the other in the matter of dress, and they do not feel at home among so much finery."

Let Christian people be admonished right here. Whether this criticism is just or not, and if we please we may consider it very unjust, yet many men are deterred from church attendance on this very account. Plain dressing ought to be the motto for every Christian. The church is no place for the display of new hats and gowns. Those who come to worship the Saviour who wore a crown of thorns ought not to put too big an estimate on a crown of flowers. I have even heard of ladies going to church with their party dresses on. It is not only grossly indecent but superlatively un-Christian to do so. For it not only proves the unchristian spirit of the perpetrators but unchristianizes many others beside. Let our Christian people dress neatly but unoffensively.

"We can plainly see the great need of the masses of humanity all about us and all over the so-called civilized world. But the great orthodox churches have settled down to a system of catering to the customs of society, and the wishes of scheming politicians, and the so-called captains of industry who perpetrate their frauds on the people for the benefit of the very few to the detriment of the many."

Why does the correspondent speak of the orthodox churches? The unorthodox churches are no better. In individual cases this criticism is just. Preachers and people do not see the trend of events as they should, do not keep in touch with world movements, and keep in sympathy with the toiling masses as they ought to. But when this is said there is much more to be said. There is no organization outside of those composed solely of laboring men that takes such an active and intelligent interest in the welfare of the people as the church and her affiliated institutions. There are none who speak out against the inequalities and the injustice as much as the ministers, except those who represent the laboring classes exclusively. The great churches of the country today are so interested in

these problems that they are appointing special committees everywhere to study into them. The men who have written most appreciatively concerning the laboring men and their problems are church men, many of them preachers. The church is going so far as to propose that the ministerial associations exchange fraternal delegates with the central labor councils in order that these things may be better understood. And it is to the credit of both the churches and laboring men of La Crosse that this plan has been put into operation here.

In a recent letter from Dr. Richard T. Ely, one of the ablest students of these problems in the United States, he wrote to me in part as follows: "I do not believe that the alienation of thinking wage earners from the church is growing at present. So many men—especially the preachers connected with the churches—have spoken out plainly and boldly that I think a distinct impression has been made upon the wage earners. Increasing consideration given by men prominently identified with the churches, and by the churches themselves, to social problems, has, I think, attracted very general attention."

When we take into consideration another fact it goes a step further in refuting this charge. Most church members are laboring men. In nine of the principal churches of this city 11 per cent of the male members are employers or capitalists, 33 per cent clerks, professional men, traveling men, etc., while 54 per cent are mechanics or day laborers.

PENNINGTON STARTS ANOTHER AUTO FACTORY

Word has been received here that A. J. Pennington, the automobile factory promoter who visited this city with a scheme recently, has attempted to work the same graft in Toledo, O. His fraud was discovered, however before his plans matured.

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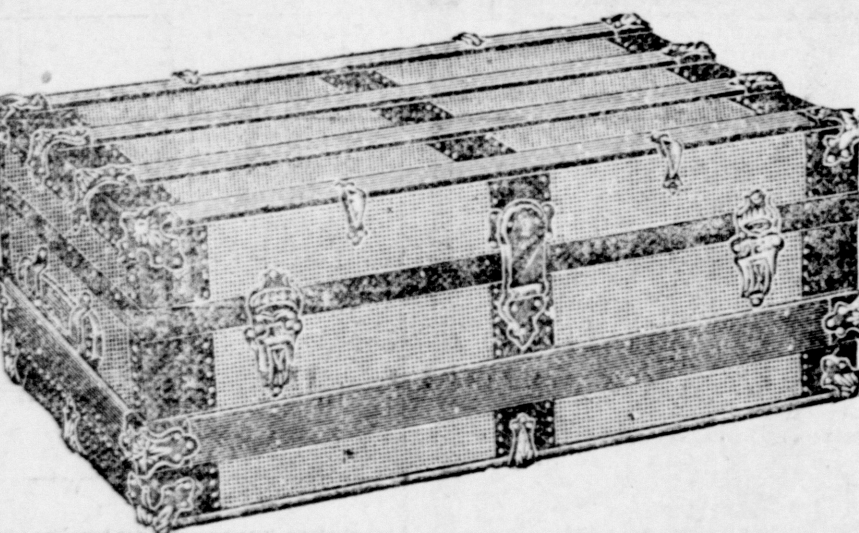
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